



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER  
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 10, 2010

The Honorable Ken Bennett  
Secretary of State  
1700 W. Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2432 (fire districts; boundaries; merger; consolidation)

Dear Secretary Bennett,

Today, I vetoed House Bill 2432. The bill as originally drafted corrected issues concerning fire district mergers and consolidations, along with addressing several governance matters.

HB 2432 has caused Arizona's fire districts to reevaluate the potential benefits of the original bill compared to the potential risks it poses. The concerns are specific to conference committee amendments that could lead to double taxation by both the fire district and municipality for fire services. Further, the amendment provides for division of fire district assets on a proportionate basis without addressing liabilities or a specific methodology for the division.

While the vast majority of the legislative changes in HB 2432 are non-controversial, the bill transmitted to me also redraws the relationship between municipalities and fire districts. While this may be desirable to a particular fire district, there are also undesirable scenarios for fire districts and most importantly, the Arizonans they serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice K. Brewer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Janice" being the most prominent.

Janice K. Brewer  
Governor

cc: The Honorable Kirk Adams  
The Honorable Robert Burns  
The Honorable Adam Driggs

Conference Engrossed

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
Forty-ninth Legislature  
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# HOUSE BILL 2432

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 48-262, 48-805, 48-812, 48-813, 48-820 AND 48-822, ARIZONA  
REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO FIRE DISTRICTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)